

(Pub. L. 85-903, §15, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1741.)

### § 926. Reservation of right to amend or repeal chapter

The right to alter, amend, or repeal this chapter is expressly reserved.

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### § 941. Corporation created

The following named persons, to wit: Ann Clumfoot, Port Huron, Michigan; Audree Jonechat, Covina, California; Nettie Ludwig, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Esther Beer, Mansfield, Ohio; Evelyn Lauritson, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Ethel Stevenson, Fresh Meadows, New York; Etta Drayton, Flint, Michigan; Evelyn Bednar, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Edna Crorey, Grants Pass, Oregon; Erma Sweeney, Long Beach, California; Josephine Plant, Waterloo, Iowa; Dorothy Christensen, Flint, Michigan; Mary Tracey, Brooklyn, New York; LaVina Shope, Lima, Ohio; Olga Barnes, Roseburg, Oregon; Levia Jamison, Jamestown, Pennsylvania; Jean Williams, Port Orchard, Washington; Ida Alford, Little Rock, Arkansas; Edna May Standing, Orange City, Florida; Charlotte Cobb, Chatham, Massachusetts; Ann Sine Gale, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Ann F. Fetting, Smiths Creek, Michigan; Irene Uhl, Rosemead, California; Hazel Rue Scott, Arlington, Virginia; Louise Meyerhoff, Queens Village, New York; Ivah Jones, Long Beach, California; Florence Brown, Pontiac, Michigan; Erma Hoffman, Columbus, Ohio; Nellie Leonhardt, Detroit, Michigan; and all past national presidents, and their successors, retiring or leaving their office in good standing, are created and declared to be a body corporate of the District of Columbia, where its legal domicile shall be, by the name of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the corporation), and by such name shall be known and have perpetual succession and the powers, limitations, and restrictions herein contained.

(Pub. L. 86-653, §1, July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 515.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Herein, referred to in text, means Pub. L. 86-653, July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 515, as amended, which is classified

generally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

#### CODIFICATION

A provision of this section requiring the persons named in this section to file a copy of this chapter with the Superintendent of Corporations of the District of Columbia within fifteen days after July 14, 1960, was omitted from the Code.

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 942 of this title.

### § 942. Completion of organization

A majority of the persons named in section 941 of this title, acting in person or by written proxy, are authorized to complete the organization of the corporation by the selection of officers and employees, the adoption of a constitution and bylaws not inconsistent with this chapter, and the doing of such other acts as may be necessary for such purpose.

(Pub. L. 86-653, §2, July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 515.)

### § 943. Purposes of corporation

The purposes of the corporation shall be: To perpetuate the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., and the memory of all the men and women who have served our country as members of the Armed Forces; the further object of this organization shall be patriotic, educational, social, and for service; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States; to educate our members and others not to divulge military, naval, or other Government information; to assist in veterans' ceremonies, to attend patriotic rallies and meetings; to foster true democracy; to care for the unsupported mothers who gave their sons to the service of the Nation; to aid in bringing about recognition of the need of permanent civilian defense for each community and to ever be alert against invasion of un-American activities; to uphold the American institutions of freedom, justice, and equal rights, and to defend the United States from all enemies.

(Pub. L. 86-653, §3, July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 515.)

### § 944. Powers of corporation

The corporation shall have power—

- (1) to have succession by its corporate name;
- (2) to sue and be sued, complain and defend in any court of competent jurisdiction;
- (3) to adopt, use, and alter a corporate seal;
- (4) to choose such officers, managers, agents, and employees as the activities of the corporation may require;
- (5) to adopt, amend and alter a constitution and bylaws; not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or of any State in which the corporation is to operate, for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;
- (6) to contract and be contracted with;
- (7) to take by lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise, or bequest from any public body or agency or any private corporation, association, partnership, firm, or individual and to hold absolutely or in trust for any of the purposes of the corporation any property, real, personal, or mixed, necessary or convenient for attain-

ing the objects and carrying into effect the purposes of the corporation, subject, however, to applicable provisions of law of any State (A) governing the amount of or kind of property which may be held by, or (B) otherwise limiting or controlling the ownership of property by, a corporation operating in such State;

(8) to transfer, convey, lease, sublease, mortgage, encumber and otherwise alienate real, personal, or mixed property; and

(9) to borrow money for the purpose of the corporation, issue bonds therefor, and secure the same by mortgage, deed of trust, pledge, or otherwise, subject in every case to all applicable provisions of Federal and State laws; and

(10) to do any and all acts and things necessary and proper to carry out the objects and purposes of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 86-653, § 4, July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 516.)

#### § 945. Membership

Eligibility: A mother, adopted mother, or stepmother (a stepmother eligible for membership in the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., can claim that eligibility only if she has given a mother's care to the stepchild from the age of thirteen or under), living in the United States, of a son or daughter serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, or having a son or daughter who has served, or has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States in World War II or the Korean hostilities. The term "Armed Forces" shall include the United States Army; United States Navy; United States Marines; United States Air Force; United States Coast Guard; National Guard; United States Army Reserves; United States Navy Reserves; United States Marine Reserves; United States Air Force Reserves; United States Coast Guard Reserves; United States Naval Militia; merchant marines; and the armed home guards who have served on active duty.

(Pub. L. 86-653, § 5, July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 516.)

#### § 946. Governing body; composition; meetings

The supreme governing authority of the corporation shall be the national convention thereof, composed of such officers and elected representatives from the several States and other local subdivisions of the corporate organization as shall be provided by the constitution and bylaws: *Provided*, That the form of the government of the corporation shall always be representative of the membership at large and shall not permit the concentration of control thereof in the hands of a limited number of members or in a self-perpetuating group not so representative. The meetings of the national convention may be held in any State or Territory or in the District of Columbia.

(Pub. L. 86-653, § 6, July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 516.)

#### § 947. Officers

The officers of the corporation shall be selected in such manner and for such terms and with such duties and titles as may be prescribed in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 86-653, § 7, July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 517.)

#### § 948. Principal office; agent for service of process

The principal office of the corporation shall be located in the District of Columbia and shall have in the District of Columbia at all times a designated agent authorized to accept service of process, notice, or demand for the corporation, and service of such process, notice, or demand required or permitted by law to be served upon the corporation may be served upon such agent. The corporation shall file with the Superintendent of Corporations of the District of Columbia a statement designating the initial and each successor registered agent of the corporation and the initial and each successor registered office of the corporation immediately following any such designation. As used in this chapter the term "Superintendent of Corporations of the District of Columbia" means the Mayor of the District of Columbia or any agent designated by him to perform the functions vested by this chapter in the Superintendent of Corporations.

(Pub. L. 86-653, § 8, July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 517; 1967 Reorg. Plan No. 3, § 401, eff. Aug. 11, 1967, 32 F.R. 11669, 81 Stat. 951; Pub. L. 93-198, title IV, § 421, Dec. 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 789.)

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Except as otherwise provided in Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1967, eff. Aug. 11, 1967 (in part), 32 F.R. 11669, 81 Stat. 948, all functions of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia were transferred to the Commissioner of the District of Columbia by section 401 of Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1967. The office of Commissioner of the District of Columbia, as established by Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1967, was abolished as of noon Jan. 2, 1975, by Pub. L. 93-198, title VII, § 711, Dec. 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 818, and replaced by the office of Mayor of the District of Columbia by section 421 of Pub. L. 93-198, classified to section 1-241 of the District of Columbia Code. Accordingly, "Mayor" was substituted for "commissioners" and "him" for "them".

#### § 949. Distribution of income or assets to members; loans

(a) No part of the income or assets of the corporation shall inure to any of its members or officers as such, or be distributable to any of them during the life of the corporation or upon its dissolution or final liquidation. Nothing in this subsection, however, shall be construed to prevent the payment of compensation to officers of the corporation or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the council of administration of the corporation.

(b) The corporation shall not make loans to its officers or employees. Any member of the council of administration who votes for or assents to the making of a loan or advance to any officer or employee of the corporation, and any officer who participates in the making of such loan or advance, shall be jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of such loan until the repayment thereof.

(Pub. L. 86-653, § 9, July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 517.)

#### § 950. Nonpolitical nature of corporation

The corporation and its officers and agents as such shall not contribute to any political party or candidate for public office.

(Pub. L. 86-653, § 10, July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 517.)

#### § 951. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation shall be liable for the acts of its officers and agents when acting within the scope of their authority.

(Pub. L. 86-653, § 11, July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 517.)

#### § 952. Prohibition against issuance of stock or payment of dividends

The corporation shall have no power to issue any shares of stock or to declare or pay any dividends.

(Pub. L. 86-653, § 12, July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 517.)

#### § 953. Books and records; inspection

The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall keep minutes of the proceedings of its national conventions and council of administration. All books and records of the corporation may be inspected by any member, or his agent or attorney, for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

(Pub. L. 86-653, § 13, July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 518.)

#### § 954. Repealed. Pub. L. 88-504, § 4(33), Aug. 30, 1964, 78 Stat. 637

Section, Pub. L. 86-653, § 14, July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 518, related to audit of financial transactions and report of such audit to Congress. See sections 1101 to 1103 of this title.

#### § 955. Annual report

On or before March 1 of each year the corporation shall report to the Congress on its activities during the preceding fiscal year. Such report may consist of a report on the proceedings of the national convention covering such fiscal year. Such report shall not be printed as a public document.

(Pub. L. 86-653, § 15, July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 518.)

#### § 956. Exclusive right to name, emblems, seals, and badges

The corporation and its subordinate divisions shall have the sole and exclusive right to use the name, "Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.", and no other organization shall use the name "Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.". The corporation shall have the exclusive and sole right to use, or to allow or refuse the use of, such emblems, seals, and badges as have heretofore been used by the Blue Star Mothers of America.

(Pub. L. 86-653, § 16, July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 518.)

#### § 957. Use of assets on dissolution or liquidation

Upon dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, after discharge or satisfaction of all outstanding obligations and liabilities, the remaining assets, if any, of the corporation shall be distributed in accordance with the determination of the national executive board and in compliance with the constitution and bylaws of the corporation and all Federal and State laws applicable thereto.

(Pub. L. 86-653, § 17, July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 518.)

#### § 958. Reservation of right to amend or repeal chapter

The right to alter, amend, or repeal this chapter is expressly reserved.

(Pub. L. 86-653, § 18, July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 518.)

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#### § 971. Corporation created

The following persons: K. S. Adams, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; Evelyn H. Alden, Wellsville, Kansas; Ray N. Ammon, Saint Joseph, Missouri; Clinton P. Anderson, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Charles Baker, Walla Walla, Washington; L. Y. Ballentine, Raleigh, North Carolina; Harry J. Beernink, Seattle, Washington; Charles Dana Bennett, Washington, District of Columbia; Ezra Taft Benson, Washington, District of Columbia; Charles F. Brannan, Denver, Colorado; D. W. Brooks, Atlanta, Georgia; John T. Brown, Racine, Wisconsin; John M. Budd, Saint Paul, Minnesota; George S. Bulkley, Los Angeles, California; Lee M. Burge, Reno, Nevada; Frank Carlson, Concordia, Kansas; Edward D. Carpenter, Cassville, Wisconsin; Richard O. Comfort, New York, New York; Harold D. Cooley, Nashville, North Carolina; Howard A. Cowden, Kansas City, Missouri; Lester Cox, Springfield, Missouri; Harry Darby, Kansas City, Kansas; A. F. Davis, Cleveland, Ohio; Chester Davis, San Marino, California; Clark W. Davis, Wilmington, Delaware; Gladys L. Dawes, Colby, Kansas; D. Howard Doane, McCredie, Missouri; Cyrus Eaton, Cleveland, Ohio; Clyde T. Ellis, Washington, District of Columbia; Victor Emanuel, New York, New York; Sterling Evans, Houston, Texas; E. H. Fallon, Ithaca, New York; James C. Farmer, Keene, New Hampshire; John D. Fehsenfeld, Troy, Missouri; Willard M. Fifield, Gainesville, Florida; Charles Figy, Washington, District of Columbia; Nolen J. Fuqua, Duncan, Oklahoma; Paul Gray, Washington, District of Columbia; F. V. Heinkel, Columbia, Missouri; Roy F. Hendrickson, Washington, District of Co-